

MENACE

And Followers Given Broadside
by Editor of Brann's
Iconoclast.

Advertisers Comprise Class Bar-
red From Columns of Reput-
able Journals.

Readers of Menace Known as
the Easy Marks For Fake
Advertisers.

QUACKS MATCH THE EDITORIALS

Tal Windle, associate editor of
Brann's Iconoclast, pays his respect
to the Menace and its followers in
the following broadside, entitled
"Birds of a Feather."

As a rule it is a safe bet to judge
a paper or magazine by the adver-
tising it carries, but I hate to think
that the Rev. Teddy Walker and
his associates on the Menace are
as disreputable as the ads they run
on its sanctified pages. It is a
well known fact that they are nar-
row-minded religious zealots who
have been bitten with the lust for
money. They have been trying to
kill two birds with one lie—to
strike a blow for that dear religion
of theirs and at the same time coin
credulity into gold, prejudice into
silver and ignorance into green-
backs. Their golden goose is the
Menace. "The deadliest menace to
free institutions and liberty" in
America today. Rev. Teddy and his
backers are so sincere in their am-
bition to destroy the Catholic
church and so earnest in their de-
sire for wealth that they have
stooped to meet both ends.

The subscription lists of the
Menace surely must contain a ro-
ster of the charter members of the
Fools' Club of America. No person
whose reasoning ability has de-
veloped past the cave period could
be induced to read the Menace regu-
larly. One peek at the advertising
columns would be enough to damn
it forever with thinking people. The
Menace is supported—kept on its
financial feet—by a bunch of adver-
tisers who have been turned down
and out by every respectable paper
in the country. Only sucker ads
are run in the Menace. The adver-
tising managers of legitimate busi-
ness enterprises realize that it
would be a waste of money to ap-
peal to the intellect of readers of
the Menace. They would rather
appeal to the greed of the advertiser.
The Menace is a wonder-
ful medium for them, that the
steady reader of the Menace is an
A. No. 1 prospect for anything
good. It is the get-rich-quick firm
and the shady and unsavory med-
icine companies that support the
Menace and make it possible for
the insult to intelligence to cir-
culate.

I am not making war on these
crooked advertisers. It is not nec-
essary. They have been driven out
of nearly every other field except
the Menace. This paper is a god-
send for them: They realize that
any boob who would fall for the
Menace would fall for anything
they sell. They fall all over them-
selves fighting for space in it. I love
to cross swords with an intellectual
enemy. It is a pleasure and a
privilege, but while there is some
degree of satisfaction in having a
skunk hate you there is no honor
to be gained in open battle. And
so I view with dismay the adver-
tising columns of the Menace. They
are filled with quack ads—with
fake cures for gallstones, cancer,
piles, ruptures, rheumatism, eczema,
measles and fits—all the vast
army of undesirables that have
been chased out of the decent pa-
pers of the country. These pre-
tended cures are the curse of hu-
manity. They raise false hopes in
the breast of despair, prolong the
agony in curable diseases and put
off the day when the sufferer will
go to a real doctor for a real
cure. They are the same menace
to the physical well being of peo-
ple that the Menace is to the in-
tellect.

The editorial columns of the
Menace match the advertising col-
umns in stupidity, false logic,
pious sophistry, cheap wit and men-
dacity. They are hypocritical,
lying, slanderous and get by only
because of the blind prejudice of
certain religious fanatics who
imagine that they are helping one
church by knocking another. The
P. A. papers and preachers are
like a cheap gang of hooligans
at the county fair. Instead
of confining their remarks to
beauty and perfection and charms
of their own road to heaven they
are trying to boost their railroad
by knocking the other route. I
have always been suspicious of the
man who had to knock his rival
out of a religion from the standpoint
of pure reason I would beware the
Jitney-bus line to New Jerusalem
that had to depend upon slander
to get business.

When a man or a movement is
good enough to stand alone—when
it is nearly perfect itself—it is
not necessary to throw mud on a
rival to make it look good. Pure
gold does not have to tarnish the
base metals to prove its value.
Edison does not have to lie about
his competitors to keep his place
in the sun. The Pierce-Arrow and
the Packard don't fight. Neither
should Protestant religion knock
Catholic religion. If both roads



APPROVED METHODS OF THE BLIND.

During the past few months
worked out for the self-education
of the world made so the pupil may
by touch.

do not lead to heaven a lot of peo-
ple are going to get the shock of
their careers when they kick the
bucket.

The Menace and its followers are
on the wrong track and going in
the wrong direction. Fortunately,
however, they constitute a very
small minority of Protestants. Only
the riff raff, the cheap, petty, dog-
matic, ignorant followers of
Protestantism give way to wild,
unreasoning prejudice. The sooner
these people realize that a church
that can prosper only by the de-
struction of a rival is doomed to
failure, the better it will be for
true religion. There are so many
persons in the United States who
are not Christians—the field for
Protestant conversions is so large
that it is ridiculous for them to
try and win converts to Love by
appealing to hatred.

Instead of fighting among them-
selves the religious bodies should
get together if they want to per-
petuate Christianity. A majority
of the population of the United
States is non-religious. Some are
free thinkers, agnostics, skeptics
and atheists, made so by the bick-
ering and scrapping, intolerance
and hypocrisy of orthodox creeds.
The spectacle of Christians falling
out over matters of theology and
politics, over Scriptural interpreta-
tions and civil rights, instead of
combining in one solid battle front
to wage war on the Demons of
vice, crime, disease and ignor-
ance has turned millions from re-
ligion and will turn millions more
unless the unclean hounds of dis-
cord like the Menace and Tom
Watson are sent yelping to their
kennels by the decent followers of
Christ.



DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.
Newly appointed Governor Gen-
eral of Canada.

ASKS HELP.

The Father Ryan Memorial As-
sociation, which has undertaken the
placing of a bronze tablet on the
front of St. Boniface church to
mark the site of the building in
which the "Poet Priest" of the
South died, is greatly encouraged
by the expressions of approval of
the movement. The association asks
the help of the public in defraying
the expenses, which will be about
\$500. Any amount will be gladly
received by the committee, but it
is not desired that any individual
give more than \$25. Subscriptions
may be sent to the Treasurer, Capt.
John H. Leathers, Louisville Nat-
ional Banking Company, or any
member of the Executive Com-
mittee. The officers and Executive
Committee are: Mrs. John L. Wood-
bury, President; Dr. J. W. Fowler,
Secretary; John H. Leathers, Treas-
urer; Matt O'Doherty and Thomas
O. Osborne.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours' devotions will
begin Sunday morning with high
mass at St. Patrick's church. Rev.
James P. Cronin, V. G., the pastor,
will be assisted by many of the
clergy of the city. The devotions
will close with solemn services on
Tuesday.

PEACE

And End of European War in
Sight Despite Opinions of
Pen Warriors.

Read Description of War Scenes
Published Despite Efforts
of Censor.

Writer Says German Line Im-
pregnable and War at a
Deadlock.

POPE'S EFFORTS FOR PEACE

Despite the blustering denials
of the English press the sentiment
prevails that the end of the Euro-
pean war is in sight, and the sug-
gestion of peace made by Germany
was foreshadowed by the conference
between His Holiness and Cardinal
Francis Bourne, Archbishop of
Westminster, last Saturday. Follow-
ing that conference Cardinal Bourne
visited Count de Sals, the new
British Minister to the Holy See.
Although the greatest reserve was
maintained by all concerned the
impression is that the Cardinal
Bourne might have been instructed
to sound the members of the newly
organized British Cabinet, with
whom he is on excellent relations.
Just a few days after this confer-
ence the German suggestion for
peace is given to the world and
transmitted through the Vatican.
That the warring powers are at a
deadlock in the present struggle
is shown by the stories of the dif-
ferent American correspondents,
among them being William Bayard
Hale, who in an open letter to
President Wilson tells of the futile
struggle and waste of lives now go-
ing on. Mr. Hale is correspondent
of the International News Service,
and wrote an open letter to the
President, his letter being sup-
pressed entirely by the English
press censor, although the tolls
were prepaid in New York. A copy
of the letter was filed with the
Hague and reached the Interna-
tional News Service in this country
by messenger.

In writing of the Somme battle-
field the correspondent says:
"For men are dying here, Ger-
mans, Frenchmen, Englishmen,
dying in holes in the ground, dying
under the trees, dying in stables,
dying in railroad cars sidetracked
in long trains, dying in motor
trucks laboriously seeking their way
back to peace, dying in scores in
cottage, school houses, dying by
hundreds in churches transformed
into crowded hospitals, dying lying
in the dirt, their sightless eyes
rolled up toward a heaven of brass
flies on their lips and in their gap-
ing wounds. By thousands on the
dreary landscape which spreads
itself before my eyes as I write
these lines, human beings are
yielding up the flame of life, and
leaving widows and orphans to won-
der whether there is a God above.
One knows that men are wounded
in battle, but actually to see these
spectres of men—Germans, French-
men, Englishmen—crippled, blind-
ed, scarred, deformed, lamed,
maimed, mutilated, that is hard."
"To us here on this bloody field
have come echoes of the ribald ut-
terances of Mr. Lloyd George, in
which, in the language of the race-
track and the prize-ring, he flings
insult into the teeth of the Presi-
dent of the United States and the
head of Catholic Christendom, the
Pope. If either of them dares to
dream of the day when this war
shall cease. It would be unjust to
the people of England, whose his-
tory and literature, whose heart
you know so well, it would be un-
fair to the sober-minded statesmen
of his own land, and more espe-
cially to those of Russia, France
and the Central European Allies, to
believe that they recognize in the

few language of this English poli-
tician any meaning to which the
heart of suffering humanity in this
hour responds."

Following the peace proposals of
Germany the English and French
press scoffed at the suggestion and
they were followed by many of our
newspapers in America, who are
pro-English or interested in the
munition factories' welfare.

All of these insinuations that Ger-
many was at the end of her rope,
but read the following statement
from this same correspondent on
the ground:

"This war is at a standstill. I
have travelled 500 miles along the
western German lines of defence.
They can not be broken through
in a hundred years. I have seen a
few square miles of blood-soaked
soil change masters at an awful
price. I have been on the east
front. Nothing can happen there
appreciably to alter the decision,
which might as well be rendered
now as next year, or five or ten
years hence."

TOM LYNCH HONORED.

At the annual election of officers
of Division 4, A. O. H., held Mon-
day evening in Bertrand Hall,
Thomas Lynch, who had served as
Vice President of the division for
pretty nearly twenty years, was
elected to succeed President John
H. Hennessy, who had been at the
head for about the same length of
time, but declined to stand for re-
election this time on account of his
recent election as County President.
A large attendance of members was
present and short talks were made
by several, the consensus of opinion
being that the outlook for the di-
vision and the order was very
bright. State President W. J. Con-
nelly complimented the division on
its selection of new officers and
paid nice tributes to the work of
President Hennessy, Vice President
Lynch, Financial Secretary Wangan,
Recording Secretary McTigue and
Treasurer Connelly, calling atten-
tion to the fact that Messrs. Hen-
nessy and Lynch had secured more
members for the division than all
of the others collectively. Attorney
Will McDonough advocated a re-
vision of the constitution and sug-
gested arrangements to be started
now for the St. Patrick's day pa-
rade. The following are the officers
elected for the ensuing year:

President—Thomas Lynch.
Vice President—John J. Barry.
Financial Secretary—Martin Mul-
lany.
Treasurer—John F. Burke.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Dig-
nan.
Sentinel—M. J. McDermott.
Standing Committee—Thomas P.
Keegan, L. J. Meany, W. P. McDon-
ough, J. O'Loughlin and Patrick
Connelly.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

There have been many and fine
Christmas messages from cleric and
laymen, but none that breathe a
more Christian and brotherly spirit
than the following, by Cardinal
Gibbons:

Today the whole Christian world
prostrates itself in adoration around
the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses
in accents of love a history which
precedes all time and will endure
throughout eternity. If asked to
explain the rapturous influence
which controls us we have no other
words than the exclamation of joy
which the angel gave unto earth:
"For this day is born unto you a
Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
The blessings resulting from our
Christian civilization are poured
out so regularly and abundantly on
the intellectual, moral and social
world, like the sunlight and the
air of heaven and the fruits of the
earth, that they have ceased to ex-
cite any surprise except to those
who visit lands where the religion
of Christ is little known.

Before the advent of Christ the
whole world, including the Roman
province of Palestine, was buried in idolatry.
Men worshiped the sun and moon
and stars of heaven. They wor-
shiped everything except God only,
to whom alone divine homage is
due. Christ, the Light of the
World, proclaimed unto all men in
its fullness the truth which had
hitherto been hidden in Judea.
He taught mankind to know the
true God, a God existing from
eternity unto eternity, a God who
created all things by his wisdom
and whose supreme end was the
salvation of the human race.
The message of Christmas day is
intended for all men, for all times,
for all conditions of existence. Only
by stern adherence to the principles
therein contained can individuals
and nations hope to share in that
peace which has been promised to
men of good will. To violate them
is to reverse the order established
by God.

BEAT SANTA CLAUS.

The officers and members of the
Second police district believe in do-
ing their Christmas shopping early,
and believe in even being in ad-
vance of old Santa Claus as can
stick pin to Lieut. Edward Callahan,
the popular Second district of-
ficer. Sergt. Webb made the pre-
sentation speech and his flowery
effort or the token must have dazed
the popular Lieutenant, as he was
unable to respond.

TOOK THE VEIL.

Miss Margaret Quinkert, daugh-
ter of Andrew Quinkert, of New
Albany, was a member of the class
of twenty who last week took the
veil and vows of the Sisters of
Providence at St. Mary's-of-the-
Woods at Terre Haute. She as-
sumed the name of Sister Helen
Celeste.



BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

This scene shows a group of
German troops. The two German
officers have just completed in-
specting a batch of work turned out.

VINCENTIANS

Hold Annual Meeting and Hear
Reports of the Year's
Work.

Many Conferences Have New
Members Aggregated Into
the Society.

Rev. Father Keller Portrays
Beautiful Picture of Catholic
Charity.

FATHER DONOHUE ALSO SPEAKS.

The chief event of the year in
the circle of the St. Vincent de
Paul Societies was the annual meet-
ing, at which the reports for the
past year were made by the many
parish conferences, also the com-
mittees on special works at the
Juvenile Court, hospitals, sanita-
rums, jail, almshouse and other
public institutions. The meeting
was held Sunday afternoon at the
Knights of Columbus Hall, where
all the seats were taken and many
were compelled to stand. President
John A. Doyle occupied the chair
and the speakers of the evening
were Rev. Francis Keller, assistant
pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's
church, and the Spiritual Director,
Rev. Eugene Donohue, pastor of St.
Paul's church.

When President Doyle rapped for
order the Rev. Father Donohue of-
fered the opening prayer. Nearly
all the conferences reported that
their membership had attended
mass in a house and received holy
communion, some combining with
the Holy Name Society of their pa-
rishes. After new members of the
various conferences had been ag-
gregated into the society of the
world the special committees pre-
sented their reports showing ac-
tivity and excellent work upon the
part of all. The City Hospital,
Alms House, Work House, Colored
Hospital, Parental Home and School
of Reform were visited regularly,
and at present the class at the lat-
ter was the smallest since that
committee had been going there.
Several of the committees asked
that their number be increased in
order to facilitate their work,
which was greatly appreciated by
the poor and unfortunate.

Secretary Thomas Bohan read the
annual report, showing that in
Louisville there were twenty-one
conferences with a membership of
1,238, which is being steadily in-
creased. During the year \$7,000
had been expended for relief of the
poor of the city, the total expense,
which included postage, printing
stationery, etc., being only \$37. This
shows the effective charity work of
the Vincentians. The visits of the
various relief committees totaled
2,805, and included 413 families
and assistance for 1,680 needy per-
sons. This report was evidence that
the followers of St. Vincent de Paul
were earnest in visiting the poor,
bringing relief and encouragement,
and that their hearts were in this
work.

President Doyle announced that
it was his intention to meet with
all the conferences, urging them to
make interchange visits, which he
believed would prove interesting
and beneficial. He then introduced
the Rev. Francis Keller as one who
was very close to St. Vincent de
Paul.

Father Keller, who is an eloquent
and powerful pulpit speaker, began
by saying he would only outline the
history of charity, and then por-
trayed a beautiful picture of Cath-
olic charity, which extends to all.
The charity of the Jews was great,
he said, but nothing unto that of
the Gospel and Christianity. The
charity during the time of the per-
secutions was unsurpassed even
unto this day. He reviewed the
period from the third to the sev-
enth centuries and up to the time

when the monasteries became a
dominant factor in the work of
charity. The middle ages were the
age of faith and light, and the
world owes its charity to the Cath-
olic church. Father Keller declared
St. Vincent de Paul was the great-
est worker in the field of charity
the world has ever known. He also
feelingly referred to the Sisters of
the Good Shepherd and the Little
Sisters of the Poor, who look after
the poor and needy of all classes.
In concluding he commended the
St. Vincent de Paul Society as the
greatest of its kind existing in the
world today.

Father O'Donohue congratulated
the Vincentians on the large attend-
ance and their obtaining the special
indulgence. He urged his hearers
to preserve the spirit of the society
and be present at the quarterly
meetings. With the closing prayer
the meeting adjourned, all feeling
they had been well repaid for the
time given for the cause of charity.
Rev. Father Thome and Rev. Father
Deppen gave encouragement by
their presence and were warmly
greeted on all sides.

MACKIN COUNCIL.

Mackin Council had a live meet-
ing Monday night, the greater part
of the time being given over to a
discussion of the athletic features
the council is promoting. Much in-
terest is being taken in the basket-
ball games played Wednesday
nights, to which the public is in-
vited, there being no admission fee.
Because of New Year's night falling
on Monday, it has been decided to
postpone the installation of officers
until January 8.



PRINCE RUPPRECHT.

Appointed by Von Hindenburg to
command the German forces on
Western front.

CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Shelby Democratic Club has
arranged to furnish the children of
the Second and Third wards with
that Christmas cheer and joy that
have made those who have attended
past celebrations look forward to
this day, when all will have a good
time shaking the hands of Santa
Claus, seeing the brilliantly
illuminated Christmas tree, hearing
the music and having their wants
supplied to their hearts' content.
Special gifts donated by friends of
the club will be given to the chil-
dren holding the lucky number. The
Christmas Tree Committee have
done excellent work this year and
propose to give the children the best
entertainment they have ever had
at Broadway Theater, Shelby
and Broadway, Wednesday after-
noon, December 27, from 1 to 4
o'clock.

RECOVERING.

The Rev. John D. Kalaher, pastor
of St. Columba's church, and the
Rev. D. I. Donohue, O. P., of St.
Rose Convent, Springfield, who have
been ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary,
are both recovering, and it is now
thought they will be able to return
to their charges for Christmas.

REPUBLICANS

See Gloomy Prospect Ahead For
Party Throughout Entire
State.

Prohibition Will Not Secure
Even the Full Republican
Vote in Elections.

Local Republicans Want Under-
taker as Appropriate Selec-
tion For Mayor.

DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCE RAPIDLY

The Republican party in Ken-
tucky did not celebrate Thanksgiv-
ing day with any great gusto and
are not looking forward to a happy
Christmas and New Year because
the political future for the Republi-
can party in this State looks very
dark indeed. Losing the State and
the nation in the past year was
bad enough, but to have the party
committed to the hopeless platform
of prohibition leaves no hope for
victories in the future and may even
mean defeat in the counties and
towns where the G. O. P. had a
working majority.

High and low are loud in their con-
demnation of National Commit-
tee-man Hert, the Kentucky Republi-
can boss, because of his espousal
of prohibition and his intent to see
the party committed to it. It was
bad enough that he, a newcomer in
Kentucky politics, should with the
assistance of the national Republi-
can leaders shove aside Col. McCul-
loch, Ludlow Petty and others, ob-
taining complete control, but to
come along now and ram prohibi-
tion down the throat of the entire
party is carrying things pretty far.
Republicans in all parts of the State
see dark prospects ahead.

Aside from a political standpoint
prohibition has no chance in Ken-
tucky, and the quicker the prohibi-
tion question is settled the better
it will be for all concerned. The
combined vote of Stanley and Mc-
Dermott showed a big majority
over McChesney, the Prohibition
candidate on the Democratic end,
while the sentiment in the Republi-
can party was so overwhelmingly
against prohibition that Ben
Bruner, the Republican Prohibition
candidate, was scared off the track
and declined to contest with Mor-
row in the primary. Nothing has
transpired since that time to en-
courage the prohibition element to
hope for another result, but the
agitation is kept up by preachers,
politicians and anti-saloon leaguers,
who calculate they must make a
noise to earn their salary. In this
they are being assisted by Percy
Haly, who is making a vain effort
to come back in democratic politics,
and the Republican spokesmen
above, who see in prohibition a pos-
sible chance to recoup their losses,
but the wise Republican leaders will
have nothing to do with the move.
That the odds are against prohibi-
tion in Kentucky is shown in the
willingness of such prominent
and large real estate holders to
lease property for liquor purposes
with a provision in the lease calling
for a revoke of the lease if Ken-
tucky goes dry.

The gloom of the Republicans is
reflected in the local situation to
such an extent that some of the
leaders close to the Chilton-Searcy
machine say that the party here is
dead or pretty near so. That there
is something in this is conceded by
the Herald, which confesses that
the Republicans are trying to se-
cure John Maas, an undertaker,
least the ticks for Mayor, which
seems appropriate, to say the least.
The Herald further adds a possible
list of candidates to accompany Un-
dertaker Maas, but failed to specify
whether they were to be pall-bear-
ers or mourners, among them being
Joe Selligman, Jas. Newton, Henry
Fox and Matt Chilton for County
Attorney; W. E. Ross for Sheriff;
ex-Mayor Grinstead for Tax Re-
ceiver and Richard Menefee for
County Assessor. On account of
the party's espousal of prohibition
many wholesale and retail liquor
men heretofore identified with the
G. O. P. will consistently refuse to
follow the funeral procession.

The Democrats are so encouraged
over the situation that in all
probability every office with the ex-
ception possibly of Mayor, County
Attorney and Jailer will have two
or more candidates. Sheriff Cro-
nan's candidacy will be unopposed
in the primary, and the same goes
for County Attorney Bullitt and
Jailer Foster. It is rumored that
County Judge Grimes is still holding
up the appointment of County As-
sessor with the possible view of
getting strength away from Lorraine
Mix, Mark Beauchamp and Tyler
Barnett, other possible candidates.
Harry Leachman is being mentioned
as a contestant for County Assessor
against Allen Smith. James E.
Dunne is being groomed by some
smart politicians and ward leaders
to enter the race for County Clerk
against Free Ray. Charles Milliken
is also being mentioned pretty fre-
quently for the same office. Thomas
Walsh, Clem Huggins and Hunter
Burke are getting a call for Police
Judge against Judge Boldrick.
Councilman Mike McDermott and
Will Harding may try for Balliff
with Ed O'Connor.